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Your Committee appointed to take under their consideration, the petition of Elijah Payne Esq and Cornelius Lynde respecting the erecting of a College or University at Williamstown — are of opinion that it would be inexpedient at the present Day to fix upon any particular Town or County in which a College or University should be erected — — The rapid and continued Settlement of various parts of this State, within a few years hence may render any particular Town now agreed on as a proper place for establishing a College highly inconvenient & unsuitable —

— Your Committee further report, that notwithstanding the very laudable and generous Donations proposed to be given by those Gentlemen for the erecting the institution — yet as it falls vastly short of the expence necessary for its establishment, & the maintainance of its necessary Officers — and as the Lands appropriated by this State for the benefit of such an institution will not afford an immediate support — your Committee are of Opinion that the consideration of Erecting & establishing a College or University in this State, be postponed, for the direction of a future Legislature — submitted by order of the Committee

Isaac Tichenor Chairman

The Hon. Genl Assembly
Newbury Oct 15. 1787

Your Committee to whom was refered the within Petition Report, that the Petitioners did Sell the farm within mentioned to Josiah Lock Esqr where said farm is said to be Confiscated as Phinehas Fairbanks's Estate which Land have been since Sold at Publick Vendue for Taxes and it is a Doubt in the minds of your Committee whether the said Fairbank had a Legal Title to said farm, if Confiscated and it appears that the Petitioner has been at great Trouble & expence in Consequence of said Sale Therefore it is the Opinion of your Committee that this State Relinquish and acquit all their right & Title to the said ~~Petition~~ farm, to the Petitioner, at his own risque

To the Honble the Genl
Assembly now Sitting
March 6th 1787

Thos Porter Chm

To the Honble the Genl Assembly now sitting ..

Your Committee to whom was refered the within Petition ..
Report, that it appears from the Records of a Convention
Holden at Manchester on the 31st day of Jany AD 1775 ..
of the Members from the Several Towns hereafter Named
viz, Bennington, Shaftsbury, Arlington, Sunderland,
Manchester, Dorsett, Rupert, Pawlet, Wells, Poultney,
Castleton, Danbee, Tinmouth, Clarendon, Rutland,
Pittsford, Neshobee, Shoreham, Bridgport, Addison,
Panton, Ferrisburgh, Colchester, Wallingford, & Georgia ..
That Committee was appointed by said Convention ..
viz, James Hard, John McLean, William Fitch, John
Fassett & Gidn Brownson, to Examin and Adjust the
Accounts of the Petitioner and others, and sd Committee
upon Examination [illegible]
[illegible] appears from said Records [illegible]
The Towns hereafter Named to Pay the [illegible]
£10 .. 3 .. Pittsford £16 .. 2 .. 8 .. Neshoba £5 .. 19 .. 8½
Addison £16 .. 5 .. 3½ .. Panthorn £9 .. 4 .. 2 .. Bridgport
£7 .. 6 .. 6½ .. Middlebury £4 .. 2 .. 10½ .. Which Sums
do not appear to be Paid ~~still due~~ to the ~~your~~ Petitioner .. Therefore it
is the Opinion of your Committee that this Petition be
Laid over until the next Session of Assembly, and the
above said Towns be Cited to appear and Shew Cause if any
they have why the Prayer of said Petition, respecting them shou
not be Granted .. Furthermore it is Suffiently Proved
to your Committee that the sd Petitioner did go to Canada
By order of the then authority, to Pilot the sd Majr Brown
as set up in sd Petition .. Therefore it is the Opinion of your
Committee that the Petitioner receive out of the States
Treasury £8 .. [illegible] .. 0 .. in hard Money Orders for his said
Services ..

Thos Porter Chm

To the Honble the Genl Assembly
now Sitting, March 6th 1787 ..

The Hon. The Legislature of the State of Vermont

Your Committee appointed to arrange the Business of the Legislature the present Session — Report — the following Arrangement —

1st That the Treasurer of the State be called upon for a settlement of his accounts — and report the state of the Treasury — and the Sum total of State Money and Hard Money, ~~& Hard Money~~ Orders in circulation

2d — To levy such a tax, as shall answer the exigencies of Government, & discharge the State Debt —

3d — To call on the late Surveyor General for a statement in writing of the several Surveys made under his direction, —

4ly To make provision for the appointment of such Officers as the Constitution of the State requires, whose mode of appointment is not particularly directed by Law

5ly To call on the Committee superintending the printing of the revised Law, for their Report —

6ly To take such measures as shall complete a revision of our Code of Law —

7ly By Act of Legislation to provide for the interest of the Glebe, Society, & other public Lands in this State.

~~8ly~~ ~~To repeal an Act~~

By Order of the Committee
Isaac Tichenor
Chairman

Newbury Oct 13th 1787

In Genl. Assembly March 2d. 1787
Read and referred to the Comm. appointed
on John Rigg &c petition & that they
state facts & report

Attest Ros. Hopkins Clk

In Council 3d March 1787

Resolved That this petition be
Referrd to the Committee appointed to Consider
the petitions of Warren & ~~Sunderland~~ Rigg

Attest Joseph Fay Secy

In General Assembly 7th March 1787 —
The within report being read was accepted & leave
given to the Petitioner to bring in a Bill agreeable thereto —

The Petition of
Peleg Sunderland
Feb 27th 1787

Report of a Committe
Arrangin the Buſineſs
of the House

Oct. 13. 1777

Entered

Your Committee To Whom was Refer'd the Consideration of the Treasurers Sallary for the year 1786. Report that in the Opinion of Your Committee the Treasurer ought to be Allow'd the Sum of Ten pounds pr. month to be paid in hard money orders —

The Honle the Genl Assembly Now Sitting

Octr. 26 1787

Saml. Benton for Comtee

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To the honourable Assembly Now Sitting —

Your Committee to whom was refered the petitions for Grants of lands Viz: one Signed by Jona[illegible] one by Ebenr ~~Ht~~ David Merrick one by timoth[illegible] one by Phineas Lyman and others one by [illegible] others and one Signed Mark Levensworth report it as their oppinion that as it is unknown what lands are ungranted or whither any yet Remains ~~any than~~ but what is granted that the afors'd petitions ly on file in the Same Station they now are until the next Session of the Legislature —

Jacob Kingsbury for Comtee

Your Committee to whom was Refird the Enquire to Know what Grants, and Charters of Lands, have been made by this State &c Report, the Comtt find that 91 Townships of land have been Granted and 12 Gores — Sixty four Townships and Gores have been Chartered. as appears by the List from the Seacratarys office. and those croft on the list of charters are Survaid — the Greatest part or all of Sd Gores are within the Survais, made by the Surveyer General, and the N-Hampshire Grants, within the Lines of Vermont —

and in your Comtt oppinion, no charters aught to issue — only for those Grants already ~~made~~ Survaid — and Restricted to certain Bound or pitches made agree=able to their Grants ~~or~~ where any Grantee Or Grantees have here to fore pitchtd acording to ~~[illegible]~~ there Grants —

it further appear to your Comtt necessary for the benifit of this State, and the proprators or Grantees, Who have Recd. Grants from N.hampshire, or the authority of this State, that the eraguler lynes in forming thee Towns Granted by new hampshier to wit farefield Smith field & hungarford, aught to Restricted to proper lines to bring Sd Town to there proper Shape as nearly the intention of ~~the~~ Sd New hampshire Grants as may bee — and likewise the ~~oppinion of your~~ Committee are of oppinion, that the Survais made by mr whitlow, ~~in~~ in the North East part of this State augh to Remain as they are laid on Sd willows plan and not ~~as there~~ to Remain as laid Down on the Survaors general plan, unless some charter here to fore Issude Should interfear — and that all the unlocated lands, lying in the northwardly part of this State ~~be~~ aught as soon as may be properly Survaid and when Such Survays are Compleated all the Grantees of Sd unlocated Land, be ~~properly~~ Notified there of. by advertising ~~in~~ the same in the Vermont Gazettee & Jurnal —

Requesting Sd Grantees of Sd Lands, to meet at the time and place set forth in Sd advertisement. Either them selves or agents to make good there claimes to Sd Lands, according to the prioiraty of Sd Grants

Jacob Bayley for Commtt

Report of Comme. to enquire
what Charters & Grants
have been made

[illegible]

Postponed-

Report of Commtt
on the Genl Survey

Octr 20th 1707 The within
Report read & accepted -

Attest Chas Hopkins Clk

Entered

of the Whole, to the most easterly Corner thereof
Then carrying out that breadth South 70 d.
East, so far that turning a right Angle will
include ~~Six~~ the Contents of Six ~~square~~ Miles square

— your Committee further report that
the outlines of Topsham, Orange & Wildersburgh
although run according to the orders of the
General Assembly, are not in fact
agreeably to their several Charters, and
therefore ~~resubm~~it the propriety of ~~directing~~
the ~~propriety~~ Surveyor General to run, the
out Lines of the said Towns according to
their respectives Charters, at the expence of
the State — that a Surveyor General
be appointed & directed to compleat the
General Survey, & that the late Surveyor
General be requested to furnish the General
Assembly the present Session, with a
true map or Chart of the several Surveys
made under his Direction —

By Order of the Committee
I. Tichenor

Newbury Octr 19. 87
The Honl Genl Assembly

Your Committe to whom were ~~refer~~ — consideration of the several Surveys, made under the Direction of the Surveyor General — Report, that he has compleated the Survey of the following Towns, granted by this State exclusive of those Towns formerly granted by N. Hampshire, — to Wit Ripton, Lincoln Starksborough, Hancock, Rochester, Bethel, Royalton, Randolph Braintree, Kingstown, Warren, Roxbury, Brookfield Tumenbury Vershire, Washington, Williamstown, Northfield, Waitsfield Fayston, Orange, Wildersburgh, Groton, Montpelier, Calais, Cabot, Woodbury, Elmore, Morristown, Sterling Cambridge, Fletcher, Hydes park, Wolcott, Hardwick Walden, Greensborough, Minden, Eden, Walden Gore Dewys Gore, Danville, St Johnsburgh, Linden Littleton, Concord, Victory, Bath, East-Haven, Newark Westford, Taylors Grant, Gore to Gen. Smith, —

~~that~~ Your committe further report that there are three Towns granted by N. Hampshire East of St Albans, Swanton, and Hygate, whose situat if surveyed by Charter will greatly injure a considerable tract of unlocated Land as Smithfield & Fairfield will extend 2½ Miles & Hungerford into the Gore of N.H. — your Committe therefore, submit the propriety of recommending to the Grantees of said Townships & directing the following Bounds for the said towns~~hips~~, — Fairfield to begin at the Southeasterly Corner of St Albans — thence running northerly on the easterly Line of St Albans, to the northeasterly Corner thereof — thence carrying out that breadth South 70 Dg. East so far that turning a right Angle will include the Contents of Six Miles Square —

Smithfield — beginning at the North East Corner of St Albans — thence running Northerly on the easterly Line of Swanton to the Northeast Corner thereof — thence carrying out that breadth South 70 Dg. East so far that turning a right Angle will include 28040 Acres, — Hungerford — begining at the North Easterly Corner of Swanton — thence Northerly on the most easterly ~~Corner~~ Line

Octr 26th
1787 } To the Genl Assembly Now Sitting

your Comt to whome was refered the State of the former Treasurer - Report as their ~~opp~~ opinion that a Committee be appointed to receive from the Late Treasurer the money in his office and to burn the Same and to rec his avouchers and Books and transfer them to the present Treasurer and that the Former Treasurer by delivering over the money books and avouchers be discharged from his Sd office as Treas Provided he deliver over the full Sum found in the Said office by the auditors

John Strong for Com

n Transferg Trea
rinker, &c.
Octr. 26th. 1787 –

To the honble General Aſsembly now sitting at Newbury

Your Committee to whom was referred the Petition of
of the Proprietors of the Township of Johnson in the State of
Vermont Who were Appointed to Report a Stating of facts Rela-
tive to the Situation of said Township of Johnson &c

Beg leave to Report as follows, viz.

That the General Aſsembly at their Seſsion in Octr 1780 appointed a Committee to whom was referred sundry Petitions for Lands who Reported that a Tract of Land Marked on the Plan of the Surveyor General No 47 should be Granted to Samuel Robinſon & Company. in Pursuance thereof said Genl. Aſsembly Granted a Township Called Cambridge to said Robinſon without further bounds or Description than as marked No 47 on sd Plan, At the same Seſsion of Aſsembly a Similar Report and Grant was made of the Township of Fletcher without any Other Description than the tract marked on the Plan No 46.

At the General Aſsembly of sd State of Vermont held Feby 82 the Township of Johnſon was Granted, Lying Northwardly of and Adjoining ~~to~~ on sd Fletcher; that sd No. 46 was marked on sd Plan west of and Adjoining or Nearly Adjoining to Morristown and sd No 47. was marked on sd Plan at a proper Distance for a Square Township west of and Adjoining sd No 46. If sd town of Johnſon is to be considered as lying North of and Adjoining to a Township lying in the place Marked No 46 it would be West of and Adjoining or nearly Adjoining the township of Hidespark

That the sd ~~Seſsion~~ Aſsembly in sd Feby 1782 did also grant the Township of Browningtown to begin at the Northeast Corner of Johnson thence to the Northwest Corner of Eden thence by the West lines of sd Eden Hidespark and Morristown thence Northwardly by the East lines of Starling, Fletcher and Johnson to the first mentioned Corner, and sd Aſsembly provided that if said tract, supposed to be a Gore, should Contain more than

On the Motion of the Petitioners in Case of the Proprietors of Johnson against the Proprietors of Brownington

Copy

This Assembly having decreed in sd Cause that the Proprietors of Johnson are entitled to ~~a Charter~~ of the Township of Land bounded North on Land ungranted East on Hydespark South on Sterling West on Cambridge and on Land ungranted each Line whereof to be six Miles and to contain twenty three thousand and forty Acres. Resolved for the Purpose of Executing sd Decree that his Excellency the Govr. be ~~is~~ and hereby is ~~[illegible]~~ ~~and the Honourable Gideon Olin Esqr or either of them are authorised and~~ requested to issue sd Charter accordingly, sd Charter to be issued as ~~of~~ a grant made by the Assembly held on the second Thursday of Oct 1782 a Township that in such Case the Proprietors thereof should pay therefor in such proportion ~~with~~ with the Other part of sd. township but if sd. Gore should not be Equal to a Township that in such Case it should be made up at some other place ~~and~~ That the Proprietors of Johnson paid Eight Pounds ten shillings for Each Eight or Share of Land in sd. Township at the time of the Grant as granting fees. It likewise Appears that the Granting fees for Browningtown ~~was~~ were Eight pounds for Each Eight and was Paid as Directed by sd. Assembly — that the Township of Sterling was granted at sd. Session to be placed South of said Fletcher and north of Mansfield — it Appears that if sd. Fletcher had been laid down at the Place Marked 46 on sd. Plan in a Range with Morristown and No. 47 there would not have been Sufficient Room for a Township being Only a Gore between them —

Your Commtee also find that after all the Grants ~~at~~ made at June Session 1782 the Assembly Resolved that the lines of Cambridge should begin in the Line of Fairfield Eighteen Miles South of Canada line Runing East Ten Degrees South Six miles then Southwardly the same Course with Fairfax east line Six miles and 80 ~~rods~~ to the north East Corner of Underhill then on the north line of Underhill Six Miles to the northwest Corner thereof then to the Place of Beginning And the lines of Fletcher were Directed to be Run nearly in the form of a Square town on the northeast Corner of sd. Cambridge —

Your Comtee also find that no lines Could be run for sd. Cambridge as Ordered by sd. Assembly — as no lines from any point six miles eastwardly of any part of sd. Fairfield East line ~~an~~ Could be Run in the Course of Fairfax east line and Strike any where near any part of Underhill neither could sd. line of Cambridge Run in what Direction soever from any point thereof to be less than fourteen Miles, If Cambridge was laid the proper length of lines, Setting off from any part of Fairfield or the northeast Corner of Fairfax it must have been laid at a Greater Distance from that part of the Survor map marked N 47. And Fletcher Laid Down there from must have been many miles from the place marked N 46. and if Johnson was laid north of Fletcher as laid down it would be Carried across Fairfield and Entirely out of any part of the land that was Intended to be Granted at sd. Assembly and would leave a Gore for Browningtown more than One hundred thousand Acres. but if sd. Cambridge was laid down with the proper length of Lines as Ordered at sd. Assembly and the South end

End of the East line thereof at the northeast Corner of Underhill as Ordered by sd. Assembly in June 1782 it would be Nearly where it now lies in the Actual Survey and as the same is Chartered and Settled as discribed on the map by No. 47 and Fletcher laid Down therefrom agreeable to the Resolve of Assembly would be nearly where the same was Marked by No. 46 on the Plan — And Johnson if laid northwardly of and Adjoining on sd. Fletcher so laid Down would be very near where the Contested Town is laid on the Actual Survey

Your Comttee also find that the Surveyor Genl. by order of the Govr. and Council ~~made~~ by Agreement of the Claimants of Brownington Fletcher and Cambridge without notice of the Owners of sd. Johnson by such agreement laid Cambridge so far East that there is only Room for One Town between the same And the West line of Morristown and Fletcher is Removed to the North ~~[illegible]~~ West of Cambridge by like Agreement Your Comttee also find that the Agents for Johnson Advanced 27 of Pork for Surveying the Township of Johnson and ~~[illegible]~~ they find that Previous to the Grants in sd. Feby 1782 Col Ira Allen had pitched a Gra north of Cambridge; That if Fletcher was Squared upon the N. of Cambridge laid down Eighteen Miles South of Canada line there would be ~~much~~ more than One ~~Township~~ South of Fle and North of Mansfield

by order of Comttee . Gideon Olin Chairman

In General Assembly Octr. 22d 1787

The aforesaid Report was read and Ordered to lie on the table — Attest Rosl. Hopkins Clk

Report of Comt. on ye
Petn. of Johnston Propri-
etors Nothing —

Octr 22d. 1717

Panch
[illegible]
N. Haven
Monkton
Ferrisburg
Panton
Bridport
[illegible]

Addison
Middlebury
Cornwall
Whiting
Salisbury
Leicester
Shoreham

[illegible]

Shoreham
Bridport
Addison
Panton
Ferrisburg
Monkton
N. Haven
Vergennes

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Weybridge
Middlebury
Cornwall
Leicester
Salisbury
Cornwall
Whiting

the Committee who were appointed to Draw up the Business & Duty of Agents to Congress beg leave to report to the Grand Convention of Both Houses of the Legislature

1st that a Commission Issue Signed by the Governor under the Seal of the State to the Agents Elected to Repair to the Grand Court of the United State that a Committee be appointed from the Council & Assembly to Draw the form of said Commission to be Laid before and approved by the General Assembly —

2d that a Resolution pass the General Assembly after ~~said~~ said Agents are Elected & Commissioned making it their Duty to use all possible Diligents to Remove ~~all~~ Every Obstacle to the State of Vermont; Acceding to the Government of the United States

Gideon Olin for Committee

In Grand Committee Octr 22d 1788

The above Report was Read & accepted

Attest. Joseph Fay Clerk

To the Honble the [illegible] Assembly

The Committee to whom was Referred the Arangment of the Necessary Business to be Laid before the present Session Report that the General Assembly

1st Inquire into the State of the Treasury

2d to take measures to Supply the Treasury if Necessary

3d to Establish a Court of Chancery

4th to Regulate the Mode of Electing & Admitting Members of the Genl Assembly

5th to Inquire if it be Necessary to make any Acts in Addition too or Explanation of any Statutes or in Alteration of the Present Jurisprudence

John Strong for Comt

In behalf of the Committee

Your Committee to whom was Refered Drawing a Bill Directing Sheriffs in their office & duty beg leave to shew that they have carefully inspected both the old & present act Directing Sheriffs in their office & Duty & on mature considera-tion Report the following bill which is herewith Exhibited

By order of Committee

Winchester Octr 18th 1788.

Peter Olcot for Commite

Report of Com.

George Mury B.
Copy R. Faithful
No. 5 [illegible]

Report of Com

on Liter. Art.

Oct. 22 1788—

the Committee to whom was referred the Subject to inquire into the State of
the Treasury have to Report that upon Examination they find

that on the 25 day of April 1787 at the Time the Treasury was
Transferred from Coll. [illegible] to the present Treasurer there had
been Issued in State Notes so Called —— £24,750:8:7
and in Hard money Orders so Called —— 4,345:5:6

that at that time there had been Called in by Taxes
and Otherwise out of the Above Sums ~~in State Notes~~ 14,277:5:6
and in Hard money Orders —— 4,345:5:6
which by order of the Assembly has ever since Lain in
the Treasury

that on the 25th Day of April 1787 there were Out in
Circulation in State Notes —— £10,473:3:1
in Hard money Orders —— £1,753:2:2

Which Left at that time of Notes and orders in Circulation £12,226:5:3

We find that under the present Treasurers
administration from the 25th of April 1787 to the 15th
Day of Sept. 1788 when the present Auditors made a settlement
there has been Issued in State Notes —— £1,664:17:4
& in hard money orders —— 4,013:15:9
they also find there has been During said Last period
Received in by Taxes and Otherwise
in State Notes —— 6,471:4:2
& in hard money Orders —— 5,346:3:9

That upon the Ballance they find including
a Calculation for Interest with some other Consid-
eration there is now [illegible] in Calculation not
having in State Notes from —— 6470:16:3
in Orders —— 1330:14:2
7801:10:5

in total the Treasury again
Debtor on the 15th Day of Sept. 1788 £7,801:10:5

Stephen R Bradley

The Honourable Assembly now sitting:

Your Committee to whom was referred the second article in arangment (No 3) to make provision for supplying the Treasury. Beg leave to report that in our opinion there be a tax of Fivepence on the pound on the List of the present Year. which List is £252,,760,, 12,, 11 —

Tax of Fivepence on the pound =

= will raise £5263,, 15,, 3 —

Signed pr. order Peter Olcott for Comttee

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Manchester Octr. 24th. 1788

To the Honorable Genl. Assembl. of the State of Vermont now sitting

Your Comm-tee to whom was refered the [illegible] of the Surveyor General beg Leave to report [illegible] that the lines of Berkshire [illegible] Towns adjacent ought to lye as marked [illegible] Plan of the Surveyor General.

Chipman for [illegible]

Refed to next Sessn.

Report of Committee
Stating the Situation
of the Treasury —
Octr. 13. [illegible] —
Read —

The Honourable Assembly now sitting

Your Committee to whom was referred the second article in arrangement (No 3). to make provision for supplying the Treasury. Beg leave to report that in our opinion there be a Tax of Fivepence on the pound on the List of the present Year. which List is £252„760„12„11— Tax of Fivepence on the pound = will raise £5263„15„3—

Signed pr order Peter Olcott for Comtee

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In Genl Assembly 23d Decr [illegible]
[illegible] of the Surveyor Genl
[illegible] that a Committee of three be appointed to take
[illegible]deration the Lines of the Towns of Berkshire and
[illegible]joining towns, the members Chosen Mr [illegible]
[illegible]nson
[illegible] from the Journals [illegible]